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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION**

Joint Motion to Extend Stay

The parties, through their counsel, hereby jointly move to extend the stay of this litigation an additional 60 days as the parties continue their discussions on resolving this litigation.

On August 31, 2018, this Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and enjoined the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") from proceeding with a gather of horses from the Pryor Mountain herd pending a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction scheduled for September 28, 2018. ECF No. 19. In light of the Court's Order, BLM determined it would not proceed this fall with the proposed removal identified in the Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated August 3, 2018. On September 9, 2018, the Parties filed a Joint Motion to Cancel Proceedings and Stay the Case, ECF No. 20, which the Court granted on September 10, 2018. ECF No. 21. Accompanying this Joint Motion to Extend the Stay, the Parties also file a Joint Status Report.

BLM has made substantial progress in determining how it will proceed in light of the Court's Order. On October 9, 2018, in separate proceedings before the United States Department of the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), BLM filed a motion to remand to enable BLM to withdraw the 2018 DR and FONSI. DOI-BLM-MT-A010-2017-055-EA. The Board granted BLM's motion on October 23, 2018, setting aside and remanding the 2018 DR and FONSI.

Additionally, the Parties have been engaging in further discussions for resolving this litigation, including attorney's fees. On October 5, 2018, Plaintiffs provided a Proposal for Resolution of Plaintiffs' Claim for Fees and Costs. On November 1, 2018, Defendants provided a counter-proposal.

The parties believe that it is in their best interest and the interest of judicial economy to stay this litigation for an additional 60 days to allow the parties to determine how best to resolve the litigation. Under such circumstances, a stay is appropriate in light of the Court's inherent authority "to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants." *Landis v. North American Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). *See also Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706-07 (1997) ("The District Court has broad discretion to stay proceedings as an incident to its power to control its own docket.").

Accordingly, the parties ask that this Court issue an order staying this case until January 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted on this 5th day of November, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 5, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court via the CM/ECF system, which will provide service to counsel for the parties.

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